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Reply to Office Action
Dated 9/23/2004

Honorable Commissioner for Patents:

This is in response to the Office Action dated 09/23/2004 requiring an election and a designation of species.

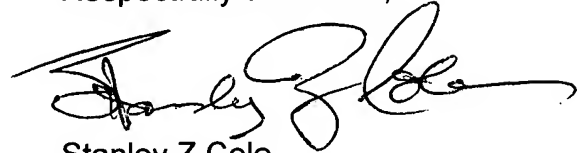
In response restriction requirement applicants elect Group I. Claims 1, 3-8, 10-15.

In response to the requirement that applicants elect species, in Group A applicants elect "b" the rotary shutter system and in Group B species "d" a peristaltic pump style dispenser/titrator.

In connection with the election of inventions, the suggestion is made that the claims are drawn to a shutter system. In fact these claims are for a mapping system including various components of which a shutter system is one segment. For example, in claim 1 there is also required optics, a detection system, a test stand with a rotatable spindle on which a disk is positioned for examination, a computer, a dispenser/titrator and drive means to rotate the disk, etc. The examiner is therefore asked to reconsider the election requirement.

Applicants have also selected species as required. Since these too are simply segments of a combination invention, it is requested that this requirement also be reconsidered and removed.

Respectfully submitted,

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